

PEOPLE'S PLATFORM.

The Document Adopted By The Convention.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

The People and the Liberals Compared—The Pledge Made—Promises That Will Be Fulfilled.

After long and careful discussion the People's municipal convention last evening adopted the following platform. It speaks for itself:

The People's party of Salt Lake city, in convention assembled, present the following:

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES:

The basis of free government is the right of the people to govern themselves.

The object of the Federal constitution is to secure a free government to the people of the United States, wherein all persons shall be protected in life, liberty and property and in the enjoyment of every right essential to their happiness and not inconsistent with the rights of others.

We regard the constitution as a sacred charter of human liberty; we revere its principles and declare our unwavering allegiance to the government and laws made in pursuance of its provisions.

The People's party has always upheld these principles. It has maintained the right of local self government. It has contended for the freedom and purity of elections. It has opposed class legislation. It has promoted honesty in all branches of the public service. It has maintained equality before the law. It has been characterized by justice, prudence and fidelity. Taxation has been uniform and lower in Utah than in any other territory. There have been no extravagant salaries, no jobbery, no schemes for great bonded debts. Life and property have been secure, morality has been fostered and vice repressed. It is the party of conservative progress, commensurate with public necessities and resources.

Opposed to the People's party is the self-styled "Liberal" party, which professes to revere the constitution while violating its fundamental truths. It arrogates to its members the honored name of Americans while seeking to deprive a large class of American citizens of the substantial rights of freedom. Through its persistent misrepresentation the right of trial by jury has been abridged and almost destroyed in this territory. By procuring unrepentant test oaths and other proscription legislation it has disfranchised many citizens, because they would not support its men and measures. For this cause only, it has succeeded in robbing the women of Utah of the elective franchise after they had exercised it for fifteen years. It has endeavored to supplant a legislature elected by the people with a commission appointed by the Federal government. It has sought to erect an insuperable barrier of prejudice against the admission of Utah as a state. It seeks to extend to this territory the infamous enactments by which, in Idaho, thousands of law-abiding citizens are stripped of every political right, solely because of their membership in an unpopular religious organization. It avows, through its organs, its intention to procure such Congressional legislation as will deprive all persons who belong to that religious body from acquiring title to any part of the public domain. It is therefore destructive of popular liberty and unworthy of the support of any just, liberal and patriotic citizen.

We believe that the supremacy of the "Liberal" party means class disfranchisement, excessive taxation, official extravagance, and laxity in public social regulations, and that the supremacy of the People's party means equality before the law, reasonable taxes, official honesty and prudence, and the maintenance of the proud reputation of the city for law and order.

That the progress and improvements demanded by the growth of the city may be secured, we declare that:

WATER.

1—There must be a plentiful supply and fair distribution of water for all needs, for purposes, let the cost be what it may. This is absolutely indispensable to the health and happiness of the people and the beauty and prosperity of the city. The water mains should be extended as soon as possible to every part of the city.

STREET LIGHTING.

2—We favor the speedy extension of street lighting by gas or electricity to all inhabited parts of the city.

SANITATION.

3—We favor a thorough system of sanitation—sewers for the business and thickly populated portions of the city, deodorization and removal of fecal and all kinds of waste matter from other parts, under the supervision of efficient officers.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

4—The grades and lines of all streets, water ditches and sidewalks should be permanently established; the corners of blocks and grades of streets indicated by suitable corner-stones, and all improvements made to conform thereto.

The streets and sidewalks should be permanently graded and improved, with good material, as fast as possible upon an equitable and definite plan, and all bridges and culverts should be the full width of the streets and sidewalks.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

5—We favor the erection of public buildings adequate for present and approaching requirements. But in order that the taxes may not be increased for this purpose, and that the ordinary city revenues may be used for water and other pressing requirements, the city surplus lands not dedicated to public use should be sold as provided by law, and the funds appropriated for public buildings in common with other improvements.

LETTING OF CONTRACTS.

6—Public work should be let by contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

RAILROADS.

7—Good railroad facilities are necessary to the growth and development of the city and the convenience of its inhabitants. But rights of way for steam railroads through our city should only be granted where absolutely necessary, and then in such manner as to cause as little injury and inconvenience to the inhabitants as possible, and only on the consent of a two-thirds majority of the owners of real property fronting on the street. No exclusive street franchises to railroads should hereafter be granted, but all steam railroads coming in or going out of the city in the same direction should so far as practicable use the same right of way, and no side tracks should be allowed on the streets. The fare of a franchise should follow persistent neglect to comply with its terms. No freight trains should run through populated parts of the city and no cars should be unloaded or left standing on the streets or sidewalks.

All railroads should conform to the

proper grade of the streets, which should be kept graded up to the top of the rails and the street crossings of all railroads should be planked the full width of the streets and sidewalks.

We pledge ourselves to lend our aid and influence to induce all railroad companies now here to join in the erection and use of a union depot for passenger purposes, and to have their freight depots on the outskirts of the city.

POLICE.

8—The police force should be neatly uniformed and be extended so as to give protection to every municipal ward.

SUPPRESSION OF VICE.

9—Gambling houses and houses of ill fame should be suppressed, and both male and female resorts to such places should be punished with the full rigor of the law.

LIQUOR.

10—We are opposed to the traffic in liquor and favor the highest license practicable, and the strictest execution of the laws for its regulation.

ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCES.

11—All the ordinances of the city should be vigilantly enforced.

TAXATION AND PUBLIC DEBT.

12—Taxes should be equal and uniform, and limited to the necessities of municipal government economically administered, and to the making of public improvements essential to the well being of the inhabitants and consistent with the growth and development of the city.

It is just that future inhabitants who will enjoy the benefits of public improvements should assist in bearing the burdens of their expense.

CONCLUSION.

The People's party pledges itself to this platform, and to the maintenance and defense of constitutional principles and the rights of mankind, and will ever labor to promote universal liberty, civil, political and religious.

CRISP CONDENSATIONS.

There are over 1,000 amateur photographers in Chicago.

Fifteen Russian anarchists have been expelled from Geneva.

The Texas cotton crop is estimated to be worth \$84,000,000 this year.

Josef Hoffman has a rival in a young violinist named Alice Liebmam.

Over 1,000 Chinamen arrived in the City of Mexico one day recently.

Cold baths are now said to be efficacious in the cure of typhoid fever.

One man in western Australia owns and controls nearly 4,000,000 acres of land.

Mrs. Kesterson, of Fulton, Ky., has five sons, and the birthday of each is July 24.

The University of Oxford has applications for printing in 150 different languages.

Philadelphia Hibernia Fire Engine company, still in existence, was organized in 1732.

A West Virginia girl has promised her lover to marry him when "the count for governor is over."

The oldest public house in England is "The Seven Stars," at Manchester. It dates back to the time of Edward III.

The largest private library in Washington is that of George Bancroft, the historian. It contains 12,000 volumes.

Weber's opera, "Sylvana," has been successfully revived in Berlin. It was first produced as "The Dumb Girl of the Forest."

In Australia there are nearly 347,000 more males than females. Including New Zealand and Tasmania, the excess of males over females is 301,949.

A Mohammedan mosque has been built in Woking, England, and a Buddhist temple has been opened in Paris. There are about 300 Buddhists in Paris.

Thomas Furlong, of Pasadena, Cal., is an ardent amateur naturalist. His latest addition to his collection was 300 tarantulas that he hatched in an incubator.

A man named Clemmer has been discovered in Reading who has made 300 clay idols, which he keeps in his house and worships with idolatrous devotion.

"Birch bark" lawn parties are the latest in Maine. The invitations are written on birch bark and refreshments served from plates of the same material.

The name of Siam's postmaster general is Somdech Phra Chon Nong Ya Thor Chon Phra Bhaumangsi Swanguruga Kooma Phra Bhaumhaddareongsee Vavady.

At Asbury Park among the latest and most curious of the fads affected by the foppish young men on the Boardwalk are bracelets, Japanese parasols, veils and silk mitts.

An oyster bed of unusual size and richness was discovered recently by a Danish fisherman near the coast of Jutland. It is some eleven miles from land and fifteen miles long by seven miles wide.

Solomon Zook, an Ohio gentleman, aged eighty-six years, who is visiting friends in Millin county, Pa., distinguished himself by picking 200 quarts of raspberries in two days during the season.

The dramatic persons in the now celebrated Terry-Broderick duel numbered thirteen. The duel was fought early on the morning of Sept. 13, 1859, within ten miles of the center of San Francisco.

The British consul at Nish, in Serbia, says that at Avala, near Belgrade, a green colored mineral has been discovered and called avalite, which, it is thought, may become a substitute for arsenic.

The British museum has paid 37,000 marks for the prayer book which the late Louis of Bavaria ordered from Franz Fleischer. It is adorned with copies of the decorations of the famous so-called "great church treasure."

Florida has \$12,000,000 invested in the orange business, and the sales this year were a fourth of that big sum. Ten years ago the fruit was a luxury. Now everybody eats oranges, which are almost as common as apples.

There is now running at the Paris exposition a hydraulic train that consists of four carriages and has room for about 100 passengers. The train runs as smoothly as a boat on water. There are no wheels, no steam, no electricity, apparently nothing to make it go.

Free.

It was in the Sunday school. The teacher was examining the class on the story of our Saviour raising the daughter of Jarius. She had fully explained all its significance, and pointed out how all the spectators had been changed to say nothing about it. She had distilled the information from their infantile brains, and then she asked:

"And what did our Saviour charge them?"

"Didn't charge them a cent," came from the whole class.—San Francisco Chronicle.

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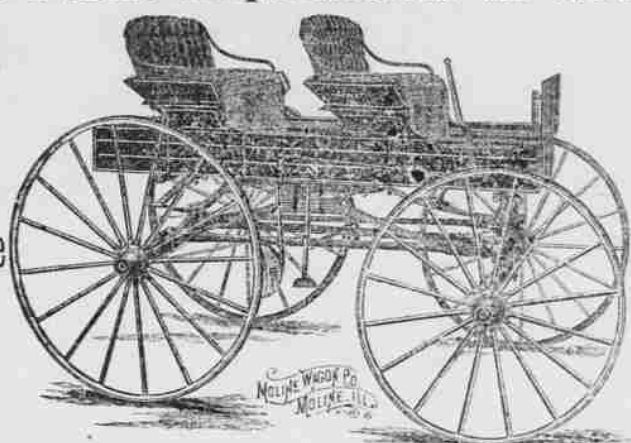
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